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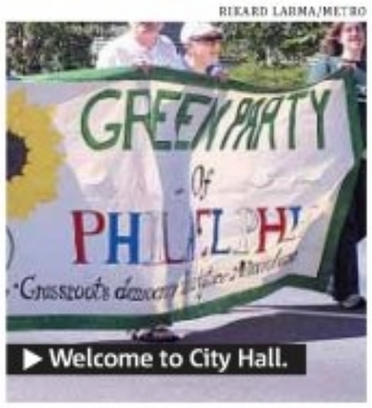

▶ Welcome to City Hall.

Schmidt hosts Greens at City Hall

Two of the city's minority political parties had a meeting last Friday, with Republicans and Green Party members discussing how to work for change in a city dominated by Democrats, Republican City Commissioner Al Schmidt said yesterday.

"I don't think of the Republican Party in Philadelphia as the minority party, but as a minority party," Schmidt said. "We want the door to be open to all minor political parties."

Chris Robinson, of Philadelphia's Green Party, offered Schmidt a list of Philly Greens' concerns. They include mismanagement of the City Commission by the previous administration, Schmidt said.

Other issues were a paper record of votes at polling places, which Schmidt said will be hard due to cost, and pay for polling officials. He said the city's elections can't be audited because its lack of a paper trail.

Schmidt said he told the Greens the City Commissioners are pushing for higher pay for polling place officers. They also submitted a formal budget to the city for the first time.

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In the news

Boyle brothers against school closing plan

The city school district's plan to close school buildings earlier to save money has drawn the ire of two state lawmakers. District buildings would close weekends and at 8 p.m. on weekdays, starting Saturday. The closures will not affect district-related athletics. State representatives Brendan and Kevin Boyle said the plan would hurt the larger community. METRO/SDL

In the news

Nova'l idea

Villanova University is hoping to change its image from commuter college to residential institution by building two new dorms and a performing arts center.

The $200 million plan will reportedly move about 1,100 students into on-campus housing. It will be presented to the Radnor Township Board of Supervisors next Monday.

▶ Hall

Arrest made after baby left in cart

BENSALEM. Police arrested a woman yesterday for abandoning her baby in a shopping cart in 35 degree weather Sunday.

Loretta Hall, 30, allegedly left her 1-year-old baby girl in the cart on a grassy area separating an apartment complex from a shopping center because she was drunk and high on pills, police said. The baby was treated at St. Mary Medical Center. Hall was sent to Bucks County prison in lieu of $50,000 bail and is charged with endangering the welfare of a child. METRO/AW

Worker's leg is crushed

CENTER CITY. A construction worker's leg was crushed after a lift holding him collapsed in on a construction site outside a downtown religious center yesterday afternoon, police said.

The unidentified 33-year-old man was working on the facade of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul at 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway when the lift fell crushing his right leg, police said. He is in stable condition. METRO/AW

Nutter plans some Divine intervention

19th-century apartment building on North Broad could help connect North Philly, Center City ◐ Mayor says developers have 'renewed interest'

RICARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Nutter promised to address a well-known eyesore.

North Broad Street's Divine Lorraine may soon see signs of life. The long-neglected 12-story structure is the focus of Mayor Michael Nutter's efforts to revitalize the burgeoning corridor, he announced at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday. "Part of this strategy is to identify where we can work together, and where the government can also spur growth and development," he said. "And I have just the place to start: We are actively pursuing opportunities to finally transform the Divine Lorraine."

Built in the late 1800s as luxurious apartments for the wealthy and later converted into a hotel operated by controversial religious leader Father Divine of the Universal Peace Mission Movement, the Divine Lorraine has long fallen into disrepair, marred by graffiti, broken windows and boarded-up entryways. But that will soon change, Nutter said.

"As I speak, there is a renewed interest in the Divine Lorraine with my team — and City Council President Clarke — directly involved in the rebirth of this great Philadelphia building."

According to the Office of Property Assessment, the Divine Lorraine is currently owned by Center City-based Lorraine Hotel LLP, but the phone number for the firm was disconnected.

Deputy Mayor for Commerce and Economic Development Alan Greenberger said it was too soon to discuss possible buyers.

"There are active conversations," he said. "Because of how big it is and the floor plans, it lends itself to residential-type development. What kind, we don't know, whether it's a hotel or apartments. The question is finding someone who can do that."

He said that its restoration is definitely on the agenda for the mayor's final four years in office. "The mayor and I are determined to get it done," Greenberger said, "because, if not, it's a big, tall billboard of blight."

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Plans ahead

Other items on Nutter's agenda included strategies to attract and retain people and businesses:

- **Revitalizing Market Street East** by "creating a walkable boulevard from City Hall to the river."
- **Opening the relocated Barnes Museum,** which "will soon make Philadelphia the art capital of the world."
- **Breaking ground on Dilworth Plaza renovation,** which, when completed, "will rival the parks of Paris, London and Rome."

Hayne given Powell award by City Trusts

Urban Outfitters' Chief Executive Officer Richard Hayne was presented with the Edward Powell award, which is given out by The Board of Directors of City Trusts once every four years recognizing a city business leader.

Hayne founded Urban Outfitters in West Philadelphia in 1970. It has since grown to include three multimillion-dollar brands.

He donated the accompanying $100,000 check to Drexel University's Baiada Center for Entrepreneurship.

"I hope someone who uses that award will some day be up here receiving this award," he said.

METRO/AW

Transit cops again threaten SEPTA with strike approval

RIKARD LARMA

▶ Transit cops struck in 2008 for nine hours, Neal said.

Four years after a brief strike, SEPTA and the union representing transit police are again at a stalemate regarding a new contract.

The deal for the Fraternal Order of Transit Police, which represents 220 officers, expired last March. Despite a fact-finding report in November from the state Department of Labor and Industry aimed at helping the two sides resolve their differences, no deal has been reached.

Transit police blame SEPTA for rejecting the fact-finder's report and opposing binding arbitration. The group has authorized a strike, but its president said there are no plans to hit the picket line before a meeting next month.

"We're very mindful that people go on our system every day, and we want the public to be as safe as possible," said union president Richard Neal Jr., "but when the party's not willing to negotiate in good faith and agree to a settlement, we may be forced to take the ultimate step and go out on strike."

In 2008, transit police walked off the job for nine hours before elected officials stepped in to broker a four-year deal, Neal said. Wages and benefits remain the biggest sticking points in a proposed five-year contract, he added.

Quoted

"We are opposed to arbitration [because] we are opposed to placing future negotiations in the hands of a third party."
WILLIAMS, SEPTA SPOKESWOMAN

"Right now, they're just not bargaining in good faith with us."
RICHARD NEAL JR., FTOP PRESIDENT

SEPTA spokeswoman Jerri Williams said, "The fact-finder's report provided for allowances that are outside our pattern, allowances that other SEPTA employees do not receive." These are namely an increase in meal allowances and night differential.

Yet, Williams said SEPTA negotiators are optimistic that they can reach a deal because the groups are "not that far apart" on the unresolved issues.

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Funeral. Cardinal's wake

▶ Archbishop Charles Chaput, right, held a brief ceremony upon Bevilacqua's arrival.

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Bevilacqua's body returns to cathedral

Deceased Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua's public viewing began last night at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City. His funeral will commence at 2 p.m. today before the former Archbishop of the Philadelphia Archdiocese is entombed inside the Cathedral Crypt beneath the building. Bevilacqua died last week, only days after he was found competent enough to testify in upcoming trials of priests accused of sexual abuse.

DeWeese found guilty of corruption by jury

State Rep. Bill DeWeese, one of Pennsylvania's longest-serving and most influential lawmakers, was found guilty yesterday of theft and criminal conspiracy stemming from his use of state employees to campaign for him for free.

DeWeese, 61, faces the possibility of 38 years in prison when he is sentenced in April. His case stems from a larger scandal in 2006 called "Bonusgate" that has led to 20 convictions or guilty pleas of Republican and Democratic lawmakers, including former House Speaker John Perzel of Philadelphia.

The 18-term Democrat vowed to appeal and said he intends to run for re-election. He is allowed to continue in public service while his case is under appeal.

DeWeese's attorney, Bill Costopoulos, said he estimates the appeals process would take about nine months.

"I will certainly run for renomination and re-election. I am still a member of state legislature."
DEWEESE

"The process is not over," he said.

DeWeese testified in his own defense that he did nothing wrong and had trusted the hundreds of people who worked in the Democratic Caucus because he was rarely around to supervise. Doing any campaigning while on the public clock is against the law in Pennsylvania.

Deputy Senior Attorney General Ken Brown said he was pleased with the verdicts.

"The jury clearly listened to the commonwealth's evidence, and they found the defendant to be what the commonwealth said he was from the moment these charges were filed, that he's a common criminal," Brown said.

Asked about DeWeese's promise to appeal, the prosecutor said: "If he wants to spit in the face of the jury's verdict, I guess that's his prerogative."
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A CHAT WITH KARL LAGERFELD

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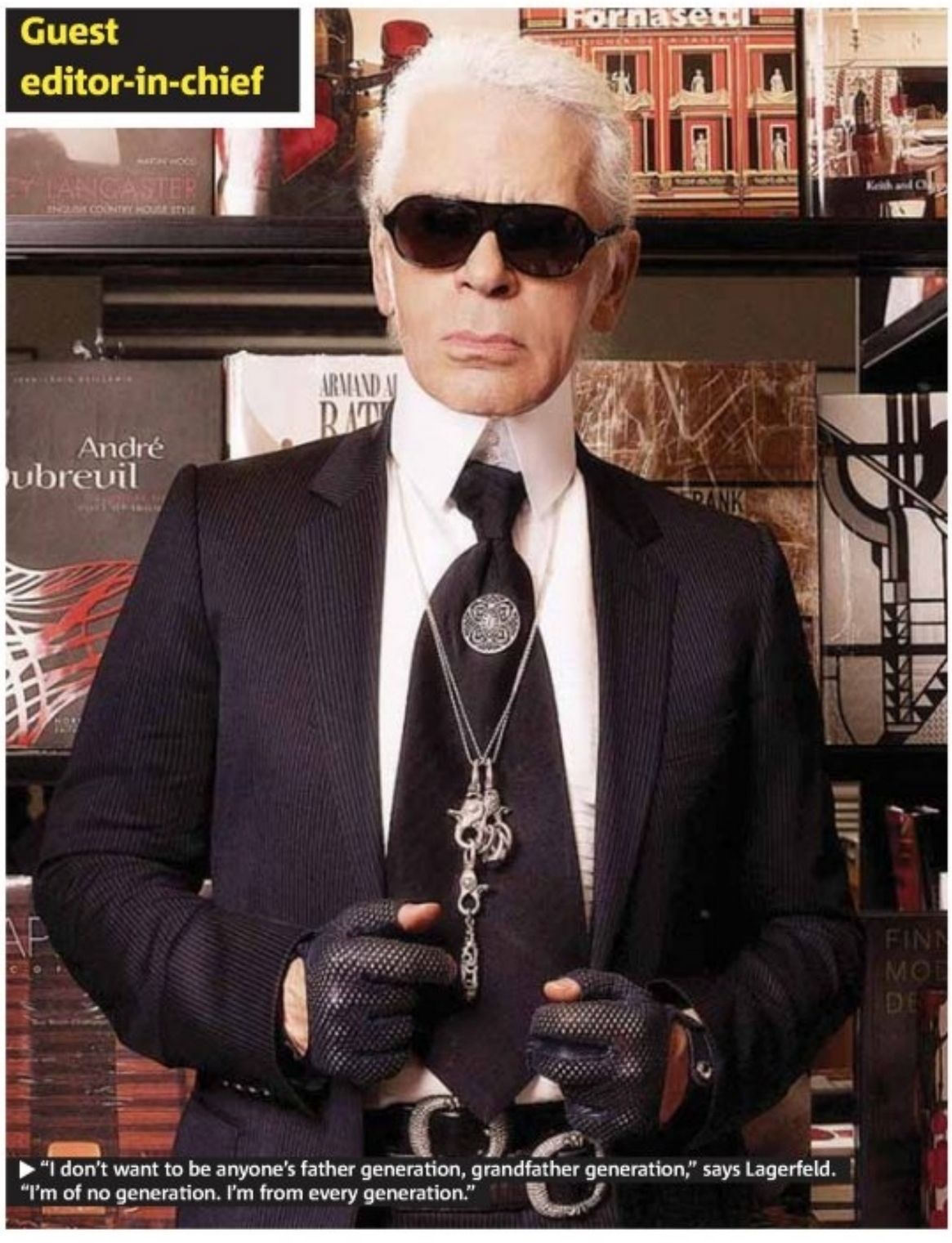

▶ "I don't want to be anyone's father generation, grandfather generation," says Lagerfeld. "I'm of no generation. I'm from every generation."

It's 5 p.m. and Karl Lagerfeld was due to arrive at 3:30 p.m. So his press team and I, sitting in his private office on Paris' Left Bank, munch on Magnum ice cream bars (Lagerfeld directed commercials for the brand). I try not to drip chocolate as I carefully leaf through biographies on Chagall, Duchamp and Dali, just a few of the titles that make up four white walls of pristinely organized books.

A staffer offers me a pink bottle of Diet Coke emblazoned with a miniature ponytailed Lagerfeld and designed by the man himself. I pour the soda into a sleek, cube-shaped Orrefors glass created by, you guessed it, and then sip my drink underneath a giant, crystal, antique chandelier.

Finally, Lagerfeld arrives, looking impenetrable in dark glasses and leather, but he has the sniffles. Welcome to Karl's world, a contradictory mixture of the old-fashioned and thoroughly modern, the rarefied and the mass market, the untouchable and surprisingly vulnerable.

Nice to see you again. Have you read all of these books?

Yes, but you know most of the books are books you look at. This is not a library with reading books. My reading books are somewhere else. I haven't looked at every book. I don't buy them by the meter to make a wallpaper, hm? But you can spend hours looking at these. So when I'm late, I think people have so much to look at, to learn, that I don't feel too guilty. But it's not my fault because when the first appointment is late, you're late after all the time. I had an appointment at 11, they arrived at half past 12. What can you do, huh?

It's good to know that you're human.

I look the part. But I'm not that human, hm? But more down-to-earth than me, you will never find.

You're about to relaunch your Karl Lagerfeld brand as two collections, both of which will be sold online and one of which is very affordable. Why now?

These days, it's easier to use decent fabrics for not so much money. Really great. When I did H&M, which was seven years ago — I cannot believe it — I had a kind of appeal for people who buy inexpensive. I don't say cheap because people are cheap, but clothes are not supposed to be cheap, they are supposed to be well designed and not expensive. There's a very big difference, ah? So [the Karl Lagerfeld launch] has the top and [then also] the top of the inexpensive. I don't say low because there is nothing low. When I did H&M, everyone said don't do it. And it worked. When I took over Chanel, everyone said to me, don't do it, it's dead, it doesn't work. It worked beyond. So I [had] better not listen to people and follow only my instincts.

Do you ever shop online?

Not personally; I don't do it because I don't have the Internet. But everyone around me does it for me. I don't give the number of my credit card and all those things. Excuse me one second. Why do we have a visitor? I didn't know we were going to have a visitor. [Speaks in French] This is why I'm late you know, because people come who don't have an appointment and say they do.

Life with Karl Lagerfeld.

Yeah, but it shouldn't be, you know? [Laughs] I don't make meetings, it bores me to death. I never make meetings. You know what I call meetings?

No, what?

Salary justification. That's why people meet for hours. Whenever they want to talk to me, they meet for hours.

What is your response to people who say you do too many collaborations?

I couldn't care less. It depends if I know the people. If unknown people say this, they should send me a note and explain why. The limit is up to me to decide.

You're known for constantly moving forward and really capturing the now. But are there any moments from the past that you hold especially dear?

I'm not a vintage specialist, for nothing: not for my life, not for my work, for nothing. I have no archives. Maybe the houses keep archives. I have nothing. I'm not interested in what I did. I'm just interested in what I'm doing, what can be inspired.

You live in six different places — where are those six places?

I have one where I live and sketch. Here is my private office, then I have a townhouse for entertaining, my photo studio. I have all of this on the corner here, and then I have two apartments that are guests' houses, because I don't want people in my house. I don't care so much, but they have to go home. I don't want any promiscuity, I'm not into that.

Speaking of promiscuity, do you have much of a sex drive?

No, I'm not very much interested in that. But it's not a question of time, people can make quickies, you know. [Laughs] If you ask this kind of question, you get this kind of answer. [Laughs]

Quickies can be fun.

Good, good, good! I find you talk like Europeans. [Laughs] I think sex is an overrated subject.

It's the French way, though.

You know, I'm not French. I'm a bloody German.

When was the last time you were in love?

I don't know. I like freedom.

Do you find relationships too constricting?

Relationships happen for everybody, it can never be a problem. But it's not really my main thing.

If you had a child or a pupil or someone who you had to pass down words to live by, what would you pass down?

That's why I don't have children, hm? There's nothing to pass down because everybody has to invent his own thing. I don't believe in this because what I learned, saw and all that happened in other periods is different now. I have a godson, who is small, 3 and a half years old, genius. He's got real personality and his parents have no authority. He wants everything like me. He sleeps with his gloves and goes to school with black glasses on. It's so funny. But I believe you have to find your own way. What I hate about children is that they put you in a generation mode. I don't want to be anyone's father generation, grandfather generation. I'm of no generation. I'm from every generation.

Have you ever had a pet?

Yes, but they die so I don't like them. The drama is I had two I really liked, and after they died I don't want another one. That's too depressing.

Are you afraid of death?

I couldn't care less. [Percy Bysshe] Shelley said, "Death may be a waking up from the dream of life." But if you ask me, it's like a sleep where you don't wake up. You don't remember before, you don't remember after. The only thing is, I don't want to be seen dead, huh? So anyway, over, over. The battery is finished, huh? Pfft.

On television

Do you watch a lot of television?

I like to be on TV, but I don't watch TV. I have no time for that. You know, that's another thing. When I'm at home alone, I hate voices. I like music or singing, but I hate voices and stories. It has the feeling that they enter my life. I love to be alone to read, to sketch with music, but I don't like ready-made images. I prefer to live on my imagination.

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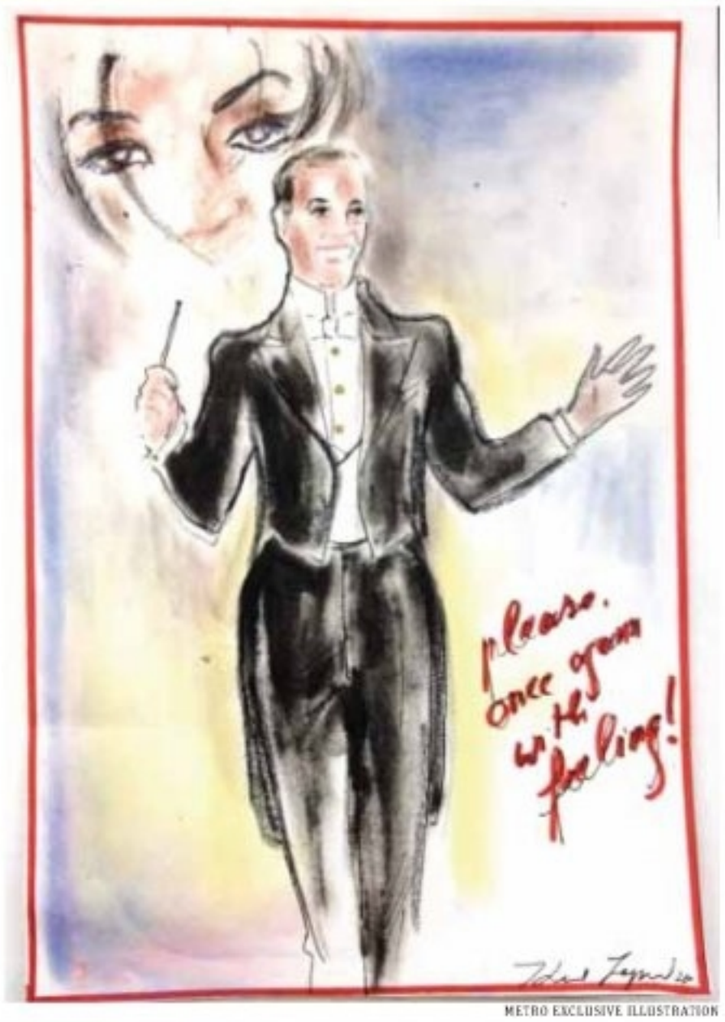


METRO EXCLUSIVE ILLUSTRATION

Poll: Economy gives Obama win over Romney

President Barack Obama — bolstered by a stronger economic outlook and recent job growth — would win in a matchup against the two leading Republican presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich, a poll yesterday showed.

A Washington Post-ABC News survey of 1,000 adults found that, for the first time, Obama's prospects have brightened against his potential rivals as his overall job approval rating climbed on his handling of the slowly recovering economy.

If the election were held now, Obama would win 51 percent of the vote compared to 45 percent for Romney, the former Massachusetts governor and current Republican front-runner, according to the poll. He would win with 54 percent compared to 43 percent for Gingrich, the former speaker of the House of Representatives who has vowed to continuing seeking his party's nomination.

The poll, conducted by telephone from Feb. 1-4, showed Obama won higher marks than Romney when it comes to protecting the middle class and taxes. Those polled also said they trusted Obama more to handle international affairs and terrorism. **REUTERS**

KARL ON OBAMA

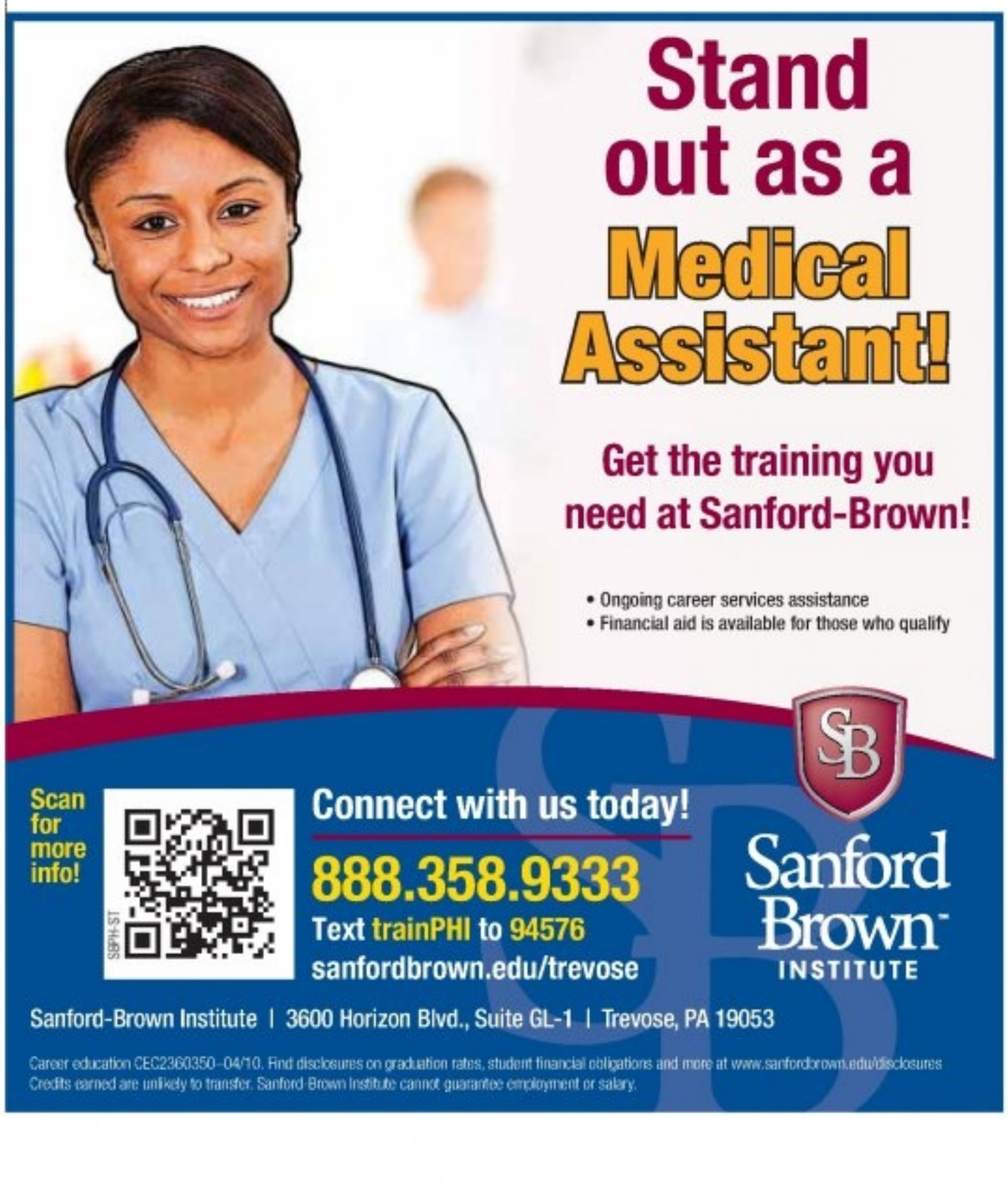
I'm a big fan of Mrs. Obama and her face, I think, is magical. He would not be there without her. Mrs. Obama is not a fashion statement but she has other things to do. ... I never voted in my life. I will never vote; I know too much about politics from what's going on backstage. To vote you have to believe all that garbage that they promise you and they can't keep those promises.

Obama tightens Iran sanctions

President Barack Obama tightened sanctions on Iran another notch, the White House said yesterday, targeting its central bank and giving U.S. banks new powers to freeze assets linked to the government.

Obama's move, in an executive order he signed on Sunday, was the latest action in an escalating campaign to target the Central Bank of Iran, and was intended to close loopholes in existing sanctions Tehran has exploited.

In a letter to Congress, Obama said Iranian banks were hiding transactions to undercut the financial sanctions the United States and other powers have imposed in response to Iran's nuclear program. **REUTERS**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"WHY THE GOP SHOULD STOP INVOKING REAGANOMICS", WASHINGTONPOST.COM. Bruce Bartlett laments the Republican trend toward a no-tolerance policy on taxes, especially in light of references to right-wing icon Ronald Reagan. He writes: "But as the person who drafted the 1981 Reagan tax cut, I think Republicans misunderstand the premises upon which Reagan's economic policies were based and why those policies can't — and shouldn't — be replicated today."

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▶ Public Policy Polling data show Rick Santorum with a 29 to 27 percent lead over Mitt Romney in Minnesota. The Romney campaign has noticed, sending out three Santorum attacks in the past 24 hours.

"I don't think you'll ever find me talking about an age of austerity."

"GINGRICH: AUSTERITY IS WRONG FOR AMERICA," TPM. Newt Gingrich, fresh off of decisive losses in Nevada and Florida, has come out as a "pro-growth conservative," opposed to so-called austerity measures aimed at cutting social programs. Gingrich sets himself apart from the party establishment, which has been fairly consistent in pushing deficit cuts and restricting spending in general.

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"RECORDS SHOW RON PAUL TRIPS PAID TWICE," ROLLCALL.COM. According to document review by Roll Call, Rep. Ron Paul may have double billed some campaign expenditures — to both taxpayers and campaign-linked nonprofit organizations. Current estimates put the total amount bilked at some $15,000.

Who polls the pollsters?

"WAPO/ABC ENDS SAMPLE TRANSPARENCY IN NATIONAL POLLING," HOTAIR.COM. Ed Morrissey points out the problems with a new poll showing Barack Obama with a 50 percent approval rating and a national lead over Romney. Washington Post and ABC News have apparently stopped reporting the party affiliation of poll participants. Morrissey calls the poll, in this time of decreased institutional trust, "worthless."

25+%

"ROMNEY ACTUALLY DID WORSE IN 2012 NEVADA CAUCUS THAN HE DID IN 2008," WONKETTE.COM. Romney seems to have lost a lot of support in Nevada between 2008 and today: He received more than 25 percent fewer votes in that state this year. But then, only 33,000 voters showed up last week, well below party estimates. Romney supporter and former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu has an explanation for the low numbers: "When turnout is down ... people are satisfied with ... the candidate that's winning." Yep, when they love you, they stay home.

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Drexel prepares to dig in

The university will soon begin construction on a $97.6 million project that combines retail space and student housing

Drexel University announced last week that construction will begin Feb. 21 on three buildings on Chestnut Street between 32nd and 33rd streets. The development, which will combine retail space and student housing, is being designed by renowned architectural firm Robert A. M. Stern Architects.

The $97.6 million project will include two eight-story buildings on either side of a courtyard entrance to the adjacent Creese Student Center, plus a 19-story residential tower on the corner of 32nd and Chestnut streets. The student housing will include both dorm-style housing and four-bedroom/two-bath apartments. Amenities will include a lounge with a gaming area, a fitness center and a theater.

"This innovative partnership will serve as a catalyst in continuing the revitalization of our campus and surrounding community."
JOHN FRY, DREXEL PRESIDENT

The project will be a partnership between Drexel and American Campus Communities. The corporation will develop, own and manage the project and make annual payments to Drexel, which will lease the land.

"This innovative partnership will serve as a catalyst in continuing the revitalization of our campus and surrounding community," says Drexel president John Fry.

The sentiments were echoed by American Campus Communities: "We are thrilled to be partnering with such a prestigious institution of higher learning such as Drexel and assisting President Fry in achieving his vision for the university," says CEO Bill Bayless.

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▶ The project is scheduled to be completed by September 2013.

In the community

John Fry became president of Drexel in fall 2010. At that time, he addressed Drexel's role in West Philadelphia, saying, "I feel a sense of urgency given the continued deterioration of the public environment and housing stock of these neighborhoods, which house well over 5,000 of Drexel's undergraduate and graduate students."
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Rutgers is 'very strongly against' proposed merger

Following years of scandal at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, an advisory committee was formed to evaluate the school.

That committee recently recommended that some schools of UMDNJ become a medical school for Rutgers University and that Rutgers Camden merge with Rowan University. Last month, Governor Christie announced his support for this plan. "We need to make the steps happen to allow us to go from good to great," he said.

The people of Rutgers Camden are a lot less enthusiastic about it. More than 600 students, faculty, alumni and community members gathered last week to protest the merger.

Rutgers Camden's chancellor, Wendell Pritchett, presided that evening. He said later, "The Rutgers name is extremely important to our students, the city of Camden and South Jersey — losing it would be a blow. Rowan is a good school, but a very different school. A merger would not improve education at Rutgers."

He's not opposed to cooperation between the two schools. "We've proposed a lot of collaborations," he said. "We have an obligation as public employees to find ways to work together."

He emphasizes, though: "The campus is very strongly against it. I expect protests to continue — and in a strong manner." JUDY WEIGHTMAN

▶ Rutgers may have some permanent house guests.

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Behind the master's degree: Urban studies

There are more than 100 graduate-level programs in the broad field of urban affairs, from city planning to the traditional Master of Urban Studies. For civic-minded students considering a leap into public outreach and policy, we contacted leaders of two top programs. Enrique R. Silva is the faculty coordinator of the city planning and urban affairs programs at Boston University. Rosemary Wakeman is the director of the urban studies program at Fordham University.

▶ Not a bad classroom

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What is the professional currency of these degrees?

Silva: There is no profession in urban affairs, per se. It signals more of a mastery of a complex interdisciplinary topic. How it's applied falls more on the students.

Wakeman: Many of our students already work for municipal government. We also have a lot of people that are working for nonprofits.

What questions should aspiring students ask themselves before pursuing a degree in urban studies?

Silva: Am I fascinated by cities — what they are, how they function, their rhythms and challenges? Am I interested in issues of education, poverty and economic development? Am I willing to explore how people change cities and cities change people? It's a degree that generates more questions than answers.

Wakeman: They should ask tough questions of the program they're looking into: What kinds of courses are here? How are they interrelated? What opportunities does the program provide to connect with the city in which it's located?

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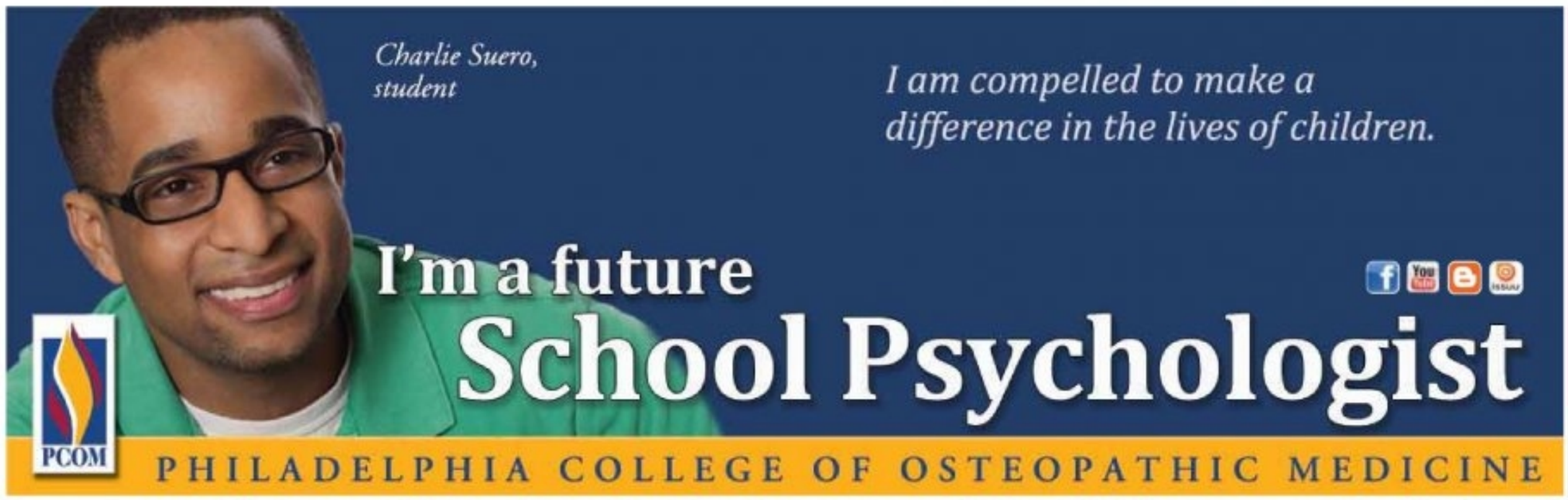
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The religion of art school

In 'Art Schooled,' Larry Witham explores parallels between art students and churchgoers 'Being an artist is more about a way of life and attitude,' he says

In books like "The Measure of God," "A City Upon a Hill," and "Marketplace of the Gods: How Economics Explains Religion," Larry Witham examined religion in the United States from an analytical, erudite point of view.

But his latest — "Art Schooled: A Year Among Prodigies, Rebels and Visionaries at a World-Class Art College" — is an exploration of perhaps the most profoundly secular enclave in American society: the fine arts conservatory.

Unexpectedly, Witham ran into plenty of parallels between art students and churchgoers.

"There's a definite style, attitude and scene that young artists are attracted to — and it can provide access to the art market, though it's no guarantee."
LARRY WITHAM

"Contemporary art is kind of its own religion. Sociologists will tell you this," says the former Washington Times reporter. "You've got to know the language, the rituals, the art theology and — just like any religion — if you're not familiar with these things, you don't feel like an insider."

Witham embedded himself at the revered Maryland Institute College of Art, attending classes, gallery events and administrative meetings. But he spent the majority of his time with individual students, tracking their work and play, as well as their developing zeitgeist.

"I realized that over the last 30 years, being an artist is more about a way of life and attitude. And skills have become somewhat secondary," explains Witham. "There's a definite style, attitude and scene that young artists are attracted to — and it can provide access to the art market, though it's no guarantee."

BRUCE WALSH

Tradition vs. tech

Witham noticed a growing divide between the traditional art student and a new breed: the graphic design/IT technophile.

"Some people can make it just by knowing the technology, but other artists still have to make it by mastering a skill — by being able to do something very traditional very well," explains Witham.

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▶ Witham observed students at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

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Temple looks to redefine literacy in '12

There's more to literacy than reading and writing.

"In the 21st century, we need an expanded definition of literacy," says Sherri Hope Culver, director of the Center for Media and Information Literacy at Temple University. With media literacy skills, people can "go behind the scenes to look at how the media operates, the influence it has, so they can consume with their eyes open."

The CMIL is a resource for Temple students and faculty researching media issues, but "education is our core purpose," Culver explains. The center provides information and training for K-12 teachers who want to integrate media literacy in their curriculum. It also provides media literacy training directly to students.

"For instance, we'll ask them to create a toothpaste ad, and they'll come back with ads talking about price, value and how white the product makes your teeth," Culver says. "We'll ask how they knew to include all that. That's a great starting point for a conversation about how they're influenced by what they see."

"In the 21st century, we need an expanded definition of literacy."
SHERRI HOPE CULVER, DIRECTOR, THE CENTER FOR MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY

In addition to commercials, the CMIL looks at other issues, such as the ownership of the news. "What do we know about, say, Bangladesh and how do we know it?" Culver asks. "What assumptions do we make about a subject based on the images that are provided to us?" JUDY WEIGHTMAN

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The Super finger: The aftermath

So what gives with **M.I.A.** flashing her middle finger during Sunday night's Super Bowl performance?

On the one hand, you hate that such a stupid throwaway gesture is distracting from such a bangin' performance by **Madonna** (with assists by **Cee Lo Green**, **Nicki Minaj**, **LMFAO** and a man who resembled **Richard Simmons** on a tight rope), and you know all of this attention is exactly what the British hip-hop star wanted. But why would she flip it in the first place? Who was it directed toward? Was it was pre-approved by Madonna? Or just her own secret plan? If M.I.A. came up with that bit of "choreography" on her own, that's really biting the hand that feeds (and exploits you just a little bit to feel more relevant in today's musical climate). I find the whole thing immature. Like: You're so tough, M.I.A. Way to stick it to the man ... who is paying you millions to appear on TV sets in 100 million homes. You must be so angry!

On the other hand, after everything edgy Madonna has done in her life, why is everyone in an uproar about one little middle finger?

▶ Perhaps M.I.A. was just flipping off whoever made her wear that ridiculous hair piece.

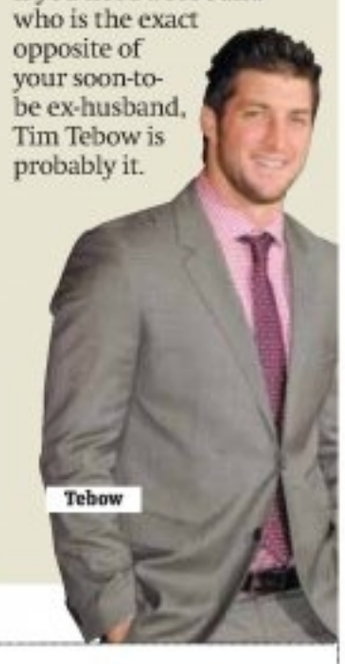
KARL ON M.I.A. AND HER MIDDLE FINGER
"Nowadays people give the middle finger quite quickly – it's not the best behavior. Everybody does that, what's new about that? It's just become a bad habit."

NBC vs. NFL

▶ NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in a statement that NBC was to blame for airing the offending finger. "There was a failure in NBC's delay system. The gesture in the performance was completely inappropriate, very disappointing, and we apologize to our fans," he said. Meanwhile, NBC sports spokesman Christopher McCloskey shifted the blame back, saying, "The NFL hired the talent and produced the halftime show. Our system was late to obscure the inappropriate gesture, and we apologize to our viewers."

Katy Perry ... and Tim Tebow?

Katy Perry made her first U.S. concert appearance since husband **Russell Brand** filed for divorce, playing a pre-Super Bowl party in Indianapolis, according to People magazine. And while she made no mention of Brand, she did apparently have another guy on her mind: "This one goes out to **Tim Tebow**," she said before playing her song "Peacock." It was previously reported that Perry's religious parents were eager to set their newly single daughter up with the football player because "above all, he's a good Christian." If you need a rebound who is the exact opposite of your soon-to-be ex-husband, Tim Tebow is probably it.



Tebow

Talking points

Aniston and Theroux: Still on

Jennifer Aniston and **Justin Theroux**'s romance appears to be going strong, as the pair were spotted over the weekend sharing a "snugly" dinner at the Sunset Tower in Beverly Hills. "They looked really happy," a source tells People magazine. "They were so cute, and when they were walking out he put his arm around her." Aniston's reps haven't commented on earlier reports that she's pregnant with Theroux's child.

Lambert

Lambert fills in for Mercury

"American Idol" runner-up **Adam Lambert** has confirmed he is joining the band **Queen**, taking over for the late **Freddie Mercury**, who died of AIDS-related illness more than 20 years ago, according to the Daily Star. "The intention is to pay tribute to Freddie and the band by singing some f—ing great songs," Lambert says. "It's to keep the music alive for the fans and give it an energy that Freddie would have been proud of. There's no intention in my mind of replacing Freddie."

Harrelson jumps into Reddit

Woody Harrelson angered some online fans when he participated in an "Ask Me Anything" chat session with Web forum Reddit — but then tried to keep the topic of conversation on his new movie, "Rampart," citing his "valuable" time as the reason. "This isn't The Tonight Show and I'm not buying your bulls--," one chat participant snapped back. "It was too bad you couldn't just open up to your fans with honest answers instead of peddling your latest movie. Oh well, I'll just assume some clueless PR person convinced you to do this (assuming this is even you)."

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Lindsay Lohan is selling her condominium, Kylie Minogue should consider gloves, Nathan Fillion is full of good advice and Jerry Seinfeld is not pleased with the progression of Pop Tart flavors.

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Lingerie Bowl IX and some Hasty Pudding

1. Anna Calvi performed on stage during the Laneway Music Festival on Sunday in Sydney.

2. Jason Segel received the Hasty Pudding Club's 2012 Man of the Year award during a ceremony at Harvard University on Friday in Cambridge, Mass.

3. Denzel Washington and **Scarlett Johansson** posed together at the 47th Golden Camera Awards on Saturday in Berlin.

4. Katherine Heigl attended the "One for the Money" photocall (that's "Einmal ist Keinmal" in German) at Hotel de Rome on Monday in Berlin.

5. Natalie Jahnke, No. 16 of the Los Angeles Temptation, celebrated after the team scored a touchdown against the Philadelphia Passion during the Lingerie Football League's Lingerie Bowl IX at the Orleans Arena Sunday in Las Vegas. Sorry Philly — Los Angeles won, 28-6.

6. Carmen Electra, the new replacement judge for "Britain's Got Talent" attended the show's auditions on Monday in London.

7. Sting kickstarted the European leg of his "Back To Bass" tour in Gateshead, U.K., on Sunday.

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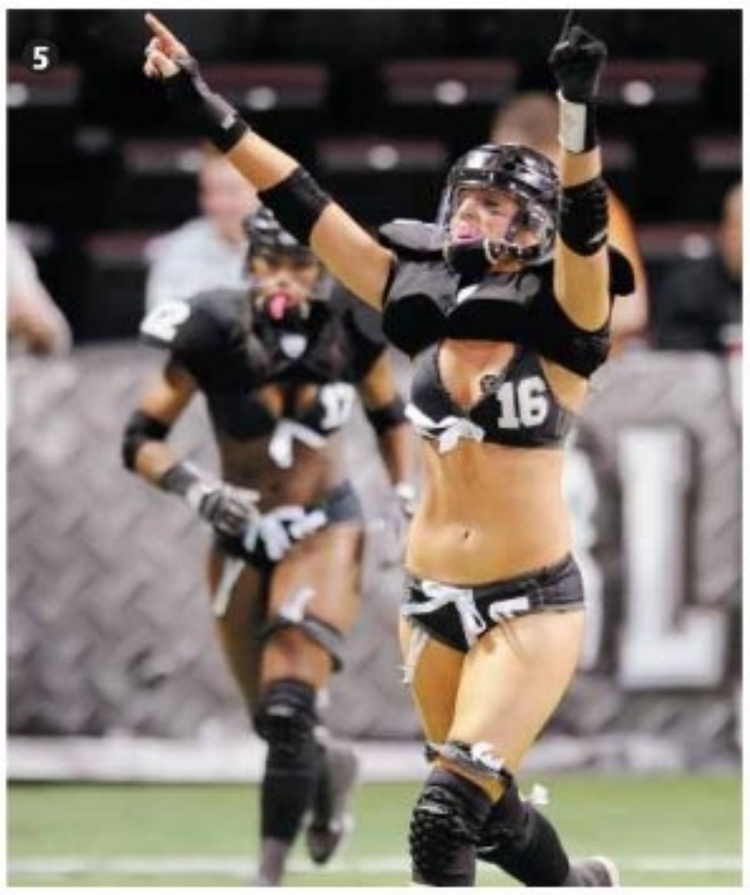

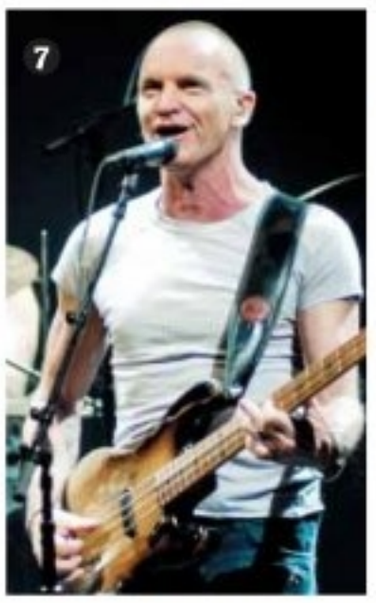

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Carine Roitfeld: Free after VOGUE

The former editor-in-chief of the Paris edition resigned a year ago, and now has a book with Lagerfeld, among other projects
'I don't miss it,' she says of the magazine

Carine Roitfeld, the former editor-in-chief of Vogue Paris, stepped down a year ago, and we're still shocked. After a decade, the magazine had become synonymous with her trademark tough-edged Parisian style and, also, who just ups and leaves Vogue?

Since then, her star power has hardly diminished. Essentially a free agent, Roitfeld, 57, creates books and collaborates on campaigns for fashion houses and emporiums — unreal, in an industry where people often define themselves by the luxury brand or title they work for. "I'm free," she says simply. We chat about what she's been up to — including a new book with longtime friend Karl Lagerfeld — and her very own magazine.

Can you recall the first time you ever met Karl?
Of course. We never forget the first time with Karl. He invited me for lunch and I was like, "Ooh la la! What can I tell Karl?" He's so incredible and knows so many languages. I was very insecure. But for me it was very fun, and easy immediately. My father was raised in Germany. And Karl was happy to talk about this German singer my father loved. He really knows everything. The next day, he sent me a selection of CDs by this singer. That is Karl. He's the kind of person where, if he sees me at a party, the next day I'll receive a drawing of myself from Karl.

It seems like you two have been working together a lot lately.
I'm back to working with him more as an editor. We just finished a book about a little black Chanel jacket. I dressed all of these people in the Chanel jacket, sometimes it's very big, sometimes it's very small. Anna Wintour, Sarah Jessica Parker, even a little 3-year-old girl. It will be released in March.

Are you an emotional person? When was the last time you cried?
I'm crying very often, you know. I think it's my Russian blood. I'm a very emotional person. If I go to see "Bambi," I cry. It's true. And I just received bad news. There was an editor I really liked at French ELLE, and she just passed away last weekend. And that put tears in my heart. Life goes very quick. The more you advance in age, the more you realize it.

Do you ever find yourself mourning for your chapter at Vogue Paris?
I don't miss it. I spent 10 years there and that was great. I stopped French Vogue on the 31st of January, last year. And I didn't have any Vogue blues. I jumped on a new project right away. I had no time to be sad or to look behind. I discovered and learned a lot there and now I want to do something different.

Do you still read the magazine? What's your opinion of its current incarnation?
I don't read Vogue Paris, honestly. I want to make a break. It's like when you have a divorce, you don't want to go back. And we don't have kids in common, so. ...

So, no regrets?
I really regret not helping the young designer more. I just realized in the past few years that we have a lot of power and can change their destiny. I'd love to create a special place for young designers in Paris. I remember meeting Riccardo Tisci, who is now at Givenchy. One day, I was in Milan. It was after the Gucci show and someone said I should go to see this young designer. After the show, I go backstage, and he was so surprised to see me he was almost crying. Givenchy was looking for young designers and I told them to have a look at him. I was the link. And now I see it.

You're working on your own title. Do you envision it being a competitor to Vogue?
I'll start out doing two [issues] a year and it will launch in September. I'm coming from Vogue. It's difficult to do another magazine after Vogue with less money. So I want to do something totally different. I want to be the Joan of Arc of fashion. I want to be the link between the runway and the real woman.

Q&A

You recently released your own book, "Irreverent," which spans three decades of your career. What is it like looking back on that stage of your life now?
It's very strange, because that book was supposed to come out one year before it actually did. But the actual moment, which was after I left Vogue, couldn't have been a better timing for me. To make a book is like going to a shrink. You discover a lot about yourself. I don't want to repeat the same cliché I had for 30 years. Everyone says I'm the queen of porno chic. I want to be chic, irreverent and special, but not porno anymore. It was difficult to go back to the past and all my work over the years.

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▶ "I want to be the Joan of Arc of fashion," says Roitfeld.

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The Harlem rapper with a sweet smile and filthy mouth has everyone talking — including Lagerfeld 'It's about to get crazy,' says the 20-year-old

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▶ Hey, she can be the answer, it's Azealia Banks.

Azealia Banks was not the only one excited that Karl Lagerfeld handpicked her to appear in this edition of Metro.

"I was telling Kanye about it, and Kanye was like, 'Wow, that's pretty legit,'" she says.

Banks, 20, speaks at the same rapid pace she raps — her rat-a-tat delivery has resulted in more than three million views of her YouTube hit video "212."

The Harlem native says she can feel the momentum of her increasing fame, but she is conscious to keep it in perspective.

"People are starting to recognize me, but it's not quite surreal yet," she says. "I don't feel like I've had that moment where thousands of people are screaming back at me."

That moment is all but guaranteed, as Banks was the first artist announced to perform at the Coachella festival in April. She also recently signed a deal with Universal.

"I'm the person who's bringing the clothes, and the producers are the stylists that will help me put the outfits together."

"It's about to get crazy," she laughs nervously.

The 's—' she must top

When "212" hit YouTube this past September, word quickly spread of the gritty, black-and-white video and the sexy girl in pigtails with the huge smile who spits raunchy lyrics (unprintable here). She's currently working on her full-length debut, which she hopes to have out by May.

"Some of the songs are there, but I don't have enough heat, especially with how quickly '212' caught on and blew up," she says. "That's the s— I have to top. I have to compete with myself now. ... I feel like I'd be short-changing myself if I just got caught up in the hype and just rushed some mediocre-ass project out."

What sets Banks apart from most other MCs is the wide range of styles she has already demonstrated. Sure, other hip-hop artists may sample some indie rock from time to time, but is there anybody else working within the genre that would cover an Interpol song?

"It's just that I like what I like," she says, referring to herself as "somebody who just devours culture."

The 'fly pieces'

Banks is excited about dropping her debut: "Once I do it, it will really make sense," she says. "I feel like now people are like, 'Oh, who is this girl? She's interesting. She's cool. We like her sound, we like her music, but how does this all tie in together?' ... I feel like my songs are all these fly pieces of clothing. You know how when you go on a magazine shoot and they have all of these clothes and you're like, 'OK, how does this all tie together?' ... I'm the person who's bringing the clothes, and the producers are the stylists that will help me put the outfits together and make it make sense."

Karl Lagerfeld will certainly understand.

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No longer 'Edgar who?'

Karl Lagerfeld thinks Edgar Ramirez sits on the cusp of major stardom, and with a high-profile role in March's "Wrath of the Titans," it's easy to see why. The two bonded after Lagerfeld photographed the Venezuelan actor in a series of sessions. Lagerfeld later discovered and enjoyed his films. But Ramirez admits he never even intended to act. In fact, it took the success of "Amores Perros," a film written by his friend Guillermo Arriaga, to nudge him into movies — Ramirez had passed up an opportunity to star in the film in order to focus on his studies. After holding his own alongside Matt Damon in "The Bourne Ultimatum," Ramirez has earned more than enough one-to-watch points to push him into leading man territory. He talks about them all.

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On not doing 'Amores Perros' 10 years ago

"It just wasn't a priority at the time. My life was supposed to go somewhere else. I was preparing to be a political journalist or a diplomat, a member of an international organization. That was pretty much the arena where I was heading to. But actually, not being in ["Amores Perros"] was the trigger for me to follow the other interests in my life — the interests for performing arts and movies. So it was a pivotal revelation for me."

On Karl

"There's this expression in Spanish, I don't know if it translates in English. It says that the deeper the river is, the less noise it makes. Karl's a very warm person and he doesn't have anything to prove it, so he's approachable, very accessible, very open, very curious, you know? [The first time he photographed me], he made me feel very welcome and comfortable. He's a walking encyclopedia, you know? I mean, I think that for me, the experience to work with him transcends fashion."

On his sci-fi leanings

"'Wrath of the Titans' was a completely different experience for me. The characters that I've played so far, they have inhabited a naturalistic, realistic world. So for me, it was very interesting to explore this sort of fantasy — a world of imagination, of what the Greek myths could have been. It's about what can be interesting, what can be touching, and then going for it."

▶ Edgar Ramirez shares his perspective.

On fashion

"I like clothes, and I go and shop. But I don't really follow what is out there. I have an appreciation for well-cut clothes and handcrafted shoes. But for me, that has more to do with style than with fashion."

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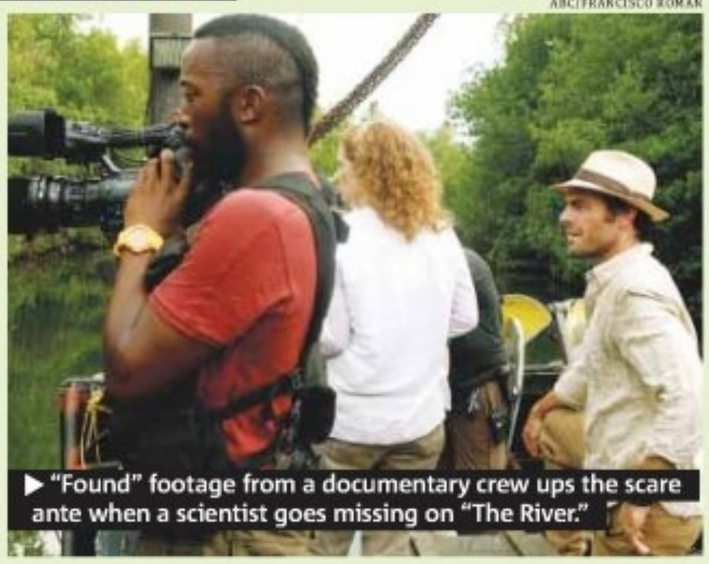

▶ "Found" footage from a documentary crew ups the scare ante when a scientist goes missing on "The River."

'The River'

DRAMA. Scary things live in the Amazon — and we're not just talking about the giant snakes. In this spooky drama from horror master Oren Peli ("Paranormal Activity"), the family of missing nature show host Dr. Emmet Cole goes searching for him in uncharted South American waters. Via "found footage" from the documentary crew accompanying the rescue operation — a nifty storytelling trick that heightens the suspense for the audience — they wind up finding much more than they were bargaining for, like angry spirits and possessed dolls.
Series premiere, 9 p.m., ABC

'Doomsday Preppers'

REALITY. You know that saying, "hope for the best and prepare for the worst"? The people profiled in this new series take the latter sentiment a little too seriously, stockpiling supplies and building bunkers to survive an impending apocalypse.
Series premiere, 9 p.m., National Geographic

'Justified'

DRAMA. Raylan is confronted by two old foes after a jailbreak. Of course, the marshal doesn't need a jailbreak to meet two folks with a grudge against him on any given day.
10 p.m., FX

'Jersey Couture'

REALITY. It's another round of women buying fancy dresses, Garden State-style.
Season premiere, 10 p.m., Oxygen

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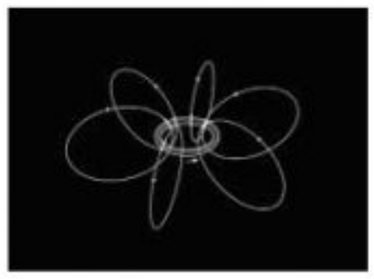
When a diagram is worth a million words



▶ A page from "Schematics: A Love Story."

In "Schematics: A Love Story," New York-based photographer and author Julian Hibbard proves that picture books are no longer just for children.

Split into three acts, "Schematics" is a high-concept story book of love, loss and memory. And although he writes about personal memories, he assures that the book touches on universal feelings everyone has.

"When we talk about love, beauty, touch and loss, these are phenomenons that everyone experiences," he says.

Each page in "Schematics" is accompanied by a schematic diagram, which mirrors and plays off the theme of the prose.

"For example, [in one part] I wrote about feelings of attraction. We all understand that magnetism is a phenomenon that deals with attraction," he explains.

Keeping this idea in mind, Hibbard then used diagrams of magnetism that show attraction and picked the ones that offered a "nice balance and weight" to use.

While there is a love story weaved throughout the book, how each person interprets the themes can vary, leaving one with the sense "that beauty and mystery of life cannot be separated," he says.

And while this might seem slightly high-concept, don't worry: Hibbard included an appendix to help you understanding the meaning of each illustration.

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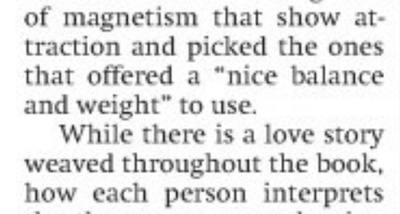
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How Karl stays fit

Ten years ago, Karl Lagerfeld and Dr. Jean-Claude Houdret released "The Karl Lagerfeld Diet," a book that chronicles how the designer lost 80 pounds. Based on the doctor's own Spoonlight program, it champions lots of fish, low calorie intake and few red meats.

A decade later, we wondered if Lagerfeld was still on the plan and how he feels about staying fit.

So I'm guessing you don't eat at McDonald's.
I have nothing against it, but I don't eat garbage. Garbage is delicious — but look at the effect, especially on American kids. It's a nightmare, huh? Once a week, I eat meat because my doctor says it's good. If not, I eat fish, steamed vegetables, steamed fruit and that's nearly it.

Do you still stick to "The Karl Lagerfeld Diet"?
It's not a diet. It's a way of eating. If you were to have lunch with me, you wouldn't think for one second that it's a diet. My guests get sweets and such things. But I haven't touched sugar, sweets, butter, cake, cheese — all of that — for more than 11 years, and I'm not even tempted. I'm beyond temptation. I think that's the best thing that can happen in life.

How do you get to be beyond temptation?
Sometimes I think my doctor hypnotized me. When I go to a party, or when I'm in the studio and there's huge buffets, for me, it's as if the table was covered with plastic. I don't even think that one could eat it. Other dieters, they crave sugar and chocolate, no? Chocolate: I like the perfume of chocolate, but I don't have to eat it.

How much do you weigh?
Clothes are much better than scales. Clothes don't lie. Always keep a pair of tight jeans, for control. I know a woman who every year put on her wedding dress just to see if she can still fit in it. It's only a problem if you have four or five weddings.

MICHAEL FREIDSON
METRO WORLD NEWS

KARL ON FASHION AND SELF-ESTEEM
"Fashion is an expression of its time. No one was killed by fashion, even if they are fashion victims. It's ridiculous [when people say fashion promotes unhealthy images of women]. You cannot let yourself go. Clothes are a healthy therapy. I have a very down-to-earth look at things, if you haven't noticed."

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Letters

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Why not point the finger at Lincoln?

In President Clinton's time the economy was booming, companies signed new contracts and deals, almost every company needed additional employees. Then G. W. Bush came to power. With his Republican gang he widely opened the gate to outsourcing. Whole industries, like IT, were given to "invaders." Plus, starting two unsuccessful wars, Republicans put our country into unprecedented debt. Then President Obama took Oval Office. Now, the same GOP crooks blame Democrats for failing to keep their promises to fix the problems created by Republicans, pointing to President Clinton, saying "he started it"! Disgusting.
SIMON PINSKY, VIA E-MAIL

GOP: Not racist, but big with racists?

RE: "ROMNEY COMMENTS STILL RESONATING": "Nonsense letters about Republicans"? It is true that not all Republicans are racist. However, it would be hard to find a Democratic member of any white supremacist group. I am reminded of a spoof on The Simpsons, where a Fox News helicopter has a slogan painted on it that reads: "Not racist, but No. 1 with racists!"
SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL

Admittedly, Gov. Romney's recent comments about the "very poor" left something to be desired. However, to suggest that comments made by Republican nominees on the campaign trail reflect the thoughts of all members of the party is akin to suggesting that the sharp divisiveness of Al Sharpton's comments represent the beliefs of all Democrats. Republicans care about the poor just as much as those across the aisle. It is the means by which this care is translated to policy — through immediate, time-limited aid in conjunction with incentives for self-improvement — which differs from the prolonged, under-regulated and resource-draining social programs proffered by Democrats.
NATE BOHLANDER, PHILADELPHIA

Take race and party out of the question and Romney still believes the poor (and middle-class) don't matter. Look at his plans! Remove the safety net while making massive tax cuts that mainly benefit the rich. Little for the middle class. **COLLIN TUKAY, VIA E-MAIL**

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Clive Brown slanders both Mitt Romney and our Mormon faith. We don't believe that blacks are cursed to be poor, or that poverty suggests that a person is cursed. Restrictions on priesthood authority were removed more than three decades ago! Mitt has never waivered in his opposition to racism.
GREGORY S. HILL, RICHBORO

"You see, money flows down the chain."

I had a thrill of watching a pristine red Ferrari drive alongside me the other day. It made me think about all of those who feel that the gent should not have enough money to drive such a thing of beauty. In their minds, the government should buy these things and hire people with pensions to display, store and house them for us to enjoy. You see, the money flows down the chain without bloodsucking government employees playing God!
JOSEPH DUPONT, PHILADELPHIA

Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Instead of trying to be all things to all people, it would be much wiser to take a firm stance on whatever it is that floats your boat. It could turn out to be the least complicated choice.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Responsibilities and duties that demand immediate attention should not be ignored. Disregarding or postponing action items would further compound your problems.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** A friend might disappoint you by not inviting you to a social involvement. Later, you'll find out that it wasn't his or her place to include you or anybody else.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** You are a person who isn't afraid to tackle more than one endeavor simultaneously. However, take care about doing so currently, because your skill could desert you.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Be extremely careful to make sure that the story being retold to you is accurate before you pass it on to anybody else. You'll be blamed if it's just a load of bunk.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** A friendship could be in jeopardy if you place more importance on something material than you do on your chum. Don't allow anything of this ilk to overpower your better angles.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't underestimate a person with whom you have to negotiate an important matter. The trump card you think you're holding might actually be found in the other party's hand.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Even though you might be the one who's putting pressure on yourself, it isn't likely that you'll be very effective working under stressful conditions. Let up a little, already.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Under most conditions you'll tend to be balanced, well controlled and practical. Today, however, these finer qualities may be eschewed in favor of foolish risks.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you fail to do your own thinking, you run the risk of others making decisions for you, and not necessarily with your best interests in mind. Stay in charge of your business.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** A situation concerning someone with whom you've had a recent disagreement still needs a bit more time to heal, so if you can do so graciously, avoid this person for the time being.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Suppress all impulses to take either financial or physical risks. It's not smart to allow boldness or brashness to take precedence over your common sense. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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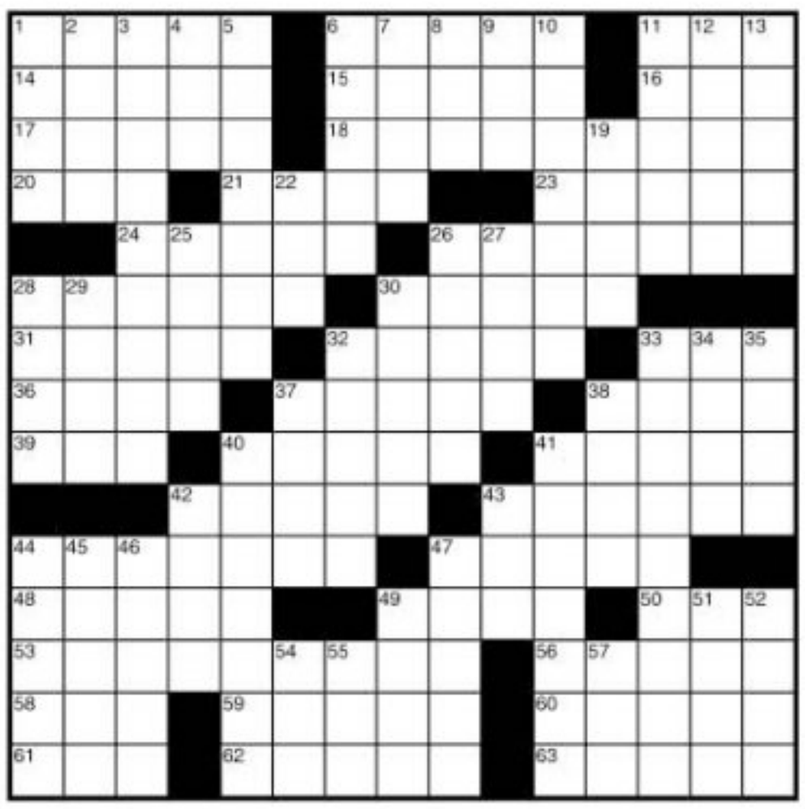

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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5 Reasons to visit St. Pete/ Clearwater this winter

From Dali to animatronic dolphins, here's a side of Florida you never knew existed David Downing, from the area's convention and visitor bureau, shares what's hot this winter

Pack your shades

Leave the umbrella at home. "We hold the world record for the most consecutive days of sunshine," boasts Downing. "We had 762 days of sunshine — in a row."

Live the movies

You can meet Winter, the world's most famous animatronic dolphin and inspiration for the film "Dolphin Tale," at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. The exhibit "Winter's Dolphin Tale Adventure" showcases Winter as well as sets from the film and interactive games. Downing describes the exhibit as a "behind-the scenes tour of the film."

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Drink up!

Although St. Petersburg might have a reputation of a sleepy retirement town, Downing says the new St. Pete is far from a shuffleboard mecca. "In a five-block radius, there are 25 bars, restaurants, nightclubs, dancing, live music — and most stay open until 3 a.m." He tells us one of the best things about St. Petersburg is you don't need a car. "If you stay in our downtown, you can just walk around or rent a golf car for a couple of bucks to hit all of the sites," he says.

▶ Museum of Fine Arts

Meet Florida's cultural side

"The Dali Museum just celebrated their first anniversary of a new facility," says Downing of the Yann Weymouth-designed building. "It's the most comprehensive collection of Dali's work in the world." Downing looks forward to the first major visiting exhibition by Jeff Koons in October. Also a must-see? The Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg — the new director of its world-class collection led the education department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for 18 years.

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Opinion

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THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

ROMANCING THE SIXERS — FOR NOW

The 2012 Sixers are reminiscent of the Oscar-winning movie "Titanic." They are thoroughly engaging and often exciting, but we all know how it's going to end. They're going to slam into an iceberg and sink.

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If there was any genuine hope that they could steal a championship in this lockout-shortened NBA season, it was demolished Friday against a real title threat, the Miami Heat, at the Wells Fargo Center. Miami has now beaten the upstart Sixers by 20 and 21 points, home and away, with and without Dwyane Wade. Miami is better. A lot better.

Even a win over Atlanta on Saturday (and another over the reeling Lakers last night) didn't change the impression that the Sixers are not the miracle New York Giants of the NBA, and this leads to an interesting question about Philadelphia and its bottom-line sports fans: Can we remain in love with a team that we know — absolutely know — cannot win it all?

Quoted

Is good good enough for fans who still remember the Phillies parade of 2008?

And make no mistake; this city is in the first blush of a romance with its basketball team. Attendance is skyrocketing, and TV ratings are already approaching a 10-year high. Especially appealing is the blue-collar, underdog nature of the club. They have won by outworking opponents, actually showing determination on the defensive end of the floor.

The only real personality on the club is straight out of central casting. His name is Doug Collins, approaching 60 now but still as aggressive and indomitable as he was when he helped lead the 1982-83 Sixers to their last championship. Collins is the anti-Andy Reid — honest, self-effacing, even funny. When he was asked last week what he's been saying at halftime to spark his team to huge third quarters, he quipped: "I've been married for 40 years, and I haven't inspired my wife yet."

But is good good enough for fans who still remember the Phillies parade of 2008? Is a second-round playoff ouster enough progress for one year? Does a team like the Sixers, with energetic new owners, need only entertain us this season, not provide hope for the ultimate celebration?

The answer is yes, to a point. The novelty of this unexpected reawakening by a dormant franchise is bright and fresh, so we can shrug at a crushing defeat or two. But history shows that our lust soon turns to contempt.

At the risk of sounding like a curmudgeon — never my intention, but often my fate — I hereby warn the Sixers and their impressive new owners that this honeymoon won't last forever. They'll be lucky if it survives the current season.

The Sixers are going to need something more than great buzz if they want to win back our love for more than a few fleeting weeks. They're going to need some better players.

— **Angelo Cataldi** *is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

Birds fans not fooled

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▶ Reid

An amazing and ominous thing happened right after Andy Reid broke his 30-day silence and talked about his most disappointing season. There were no cries of anger, no threats of boycott, not even a quiet murmur of discontent. No one cared.

This apathy is a new twist in Reid's 13-year tenure, and the most compelling sign yet that the fans are through with the coach, even if his bosses aren't. On the morning after Reid's kinder, gentler — but no more revealing — news conference, callers on my WIP show were far more interested in talking about the Sixers or even our silly Wing Bowl.

The last sustained outpouring of calls on the Eagles happened five weeks ago today, when owner Jeff Lurie announced his decision to bring Reid back. Since then, no issue has connected with the fans, including Juan Castillo's return, GM Howie Roseman's vow to remain competitive, or even DeSean Jackson's impending free agency.

Fans have checked out and Reid's evasiveness provided no reason to return. Calling Castillo "a great coach" after five blown fourth-quarter leads didn't win Reid any attention, nor did his mixed messages on the four-game winning streak at season's end or the recent failure of his drafts.

Yes, Reid smiled more, never resorting to his tired tradition of snapping back at reporters. But it's too late for a change of manners. The silence of the fans was a clear indication of that. The only thing that will truly revive the interest of Eagles fans now is a change of coaches.

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▶ Jim Thome and the Phils are getting old — quickly.

Phillies relying on old heads

Is Geritol a performance-enhancing drug? If it is, the Phillies may be in serious trouble. Their acquisitions of Chad Qualls, 33, and Juan Pierre, 34, were the latest in a stunning commitment to the old and the over-the-hill. The Phils are not getting better; they're getting older.

Don't forget that before this latest wave of senior citizens, GM Ruben Amaro Jr. had already signed Jim Thome, 41, and Ty Wigginton, 34. Add to those new names Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley and Cliff Lee (all 33), Roy Halladay (34) and Jose Contreras (41), and what you have is the composite age of a slow-pitch softball team.

Domonic Brown is the best example of this negative trend, a much-praised prospect who has produced next to nothing. He will be 25 next season, and has a .236 average and seven home runs in 246 at-bats. Still, he remains the best young player in the system, the tallest midget in the circus.

The Phillies, unofficially, are the oldest team in baseball. The bats cannot go silent the way they did last year. The starting pitchers must fight age for one more year. For the Phillies of 2012, this may well be their last chance to win it all.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 **Hot diggity dogs.** For a team with a terrific coach and a young and hungry roster, there is definitely some dog in the Flyers. How else can you explain those atrocious first two periods against the Devils on Saturday? It's not the first time the Flyers have been no-shows for a game, but it needs to be the last time.

2 **Super snooze.** There's a very good reason why I've written nothing about the Super Bowl this week. I talk to our fans every day, and they had no rooting interest at all this year. They hate the Giants and the Patriots equally. They just wanted the Super Bowl to be over. And now, thankfully, it is.

3 **Halftime magic.** Who finished second to Madonna when the NFL was considering its Super Bowl halftime show? She has been irrelevant for over a decade, and was downright pathetic slipping and lip-synching during her hopelessly overproduced spectacle. Take a final bow, Madonna. You're done.

3

Moore soars

Moore named A10 Player of the Week

Temple senior guard Ramone Moore was named the Atlantic 10 Player of the Week yesterday. Moore averaged almost 24 points per game in two Temple wins last week over Fordham and Rhode Island. Moore shot 50 percent from the field and committed just two turnovers, one in each game. The Owls sit atop the A10 standings with a 6-2 conference record. METRO

Heartache

Amare's brother killed in crash

The older brother of Knicks star Amare Stoudemire was killed in a car crash in Florida early yesterday morning.

Hazell Stoudemire, 35, was speeding on U.S. 27 in Lake Wales, Fla., when his SUV collided with the rear of a tractor trailer. He was declared dead at the scene.

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Turnovers for the Lakers, which the Sixers turned to 20 points in their comeback win. The Sixers committed just four turnovers of their own.

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Lou's hot hand rallies Sixers over Kobe, LA

Three things we saw in the 95-90 win ...

1 Big things happen. The Sixers' big men fought hard despite being severely outmatched physically. With Elton Brand out again, the trio of Spencer Hawes, Nik Vucevic and Lavoy Allen frustrated both Pau Gasol (11 rebounds) and Andrew Bynum (20 rebounds) at times, but still got out-rebounded 55-30. Their 14 first-half boards was a season-worst.

2 Andre the Stopper. After struggling to stop Kobe Bryant with any consistency in the first half — Doug Collins tried double-teaming him, he threw Evan Turner, Jrue Holiday and Andre Iguodala all at him — Iguodala showed why he's an Olympic team finalist in the third. Bryant didn't score his first second-half bucket until 2:20 was showing in the third and finished the second half with just four total points.

3 The Lou Show. As chants of "Beat L.A." echoed through the arena late in the fourth, Lou Williams took over. The Sixers' most clutch shooter poured in 12 points in the final 3:47 (including the team's final nine points), and turned a five-point deficit into a five-point lead. Williams finished with a team-high 24 points, including two free throws that iced it with 10.1 ticks left.

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▶ Lou Williams

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Kobe passes Shaq in Philly homecoming

Kobe Bryant, the son Philly loves to hate, could not be denied.

Facing a constant barrage of double teams from the Sixers, Bryant wore the stone-cold look of an assassin and had no problem — at least, in the first half — surpassing former Lakers teammate Shaquille O'Neal on the NBA's all-time scoring list. And, to add a certain Hollywood twist, the proud Lower Merion alum did it in his hometown.

His 23-foot jumper with 5:08 showing in the second quarter, originally a three-pointer that was changed to a two-pointer, gave him 24 points for the game and 28,597 for his 16-year career. Bryant is now fifth on the league's all-time list, with 28,601, right behind another Philly native, Overbrook's Wilt Chamberlain.

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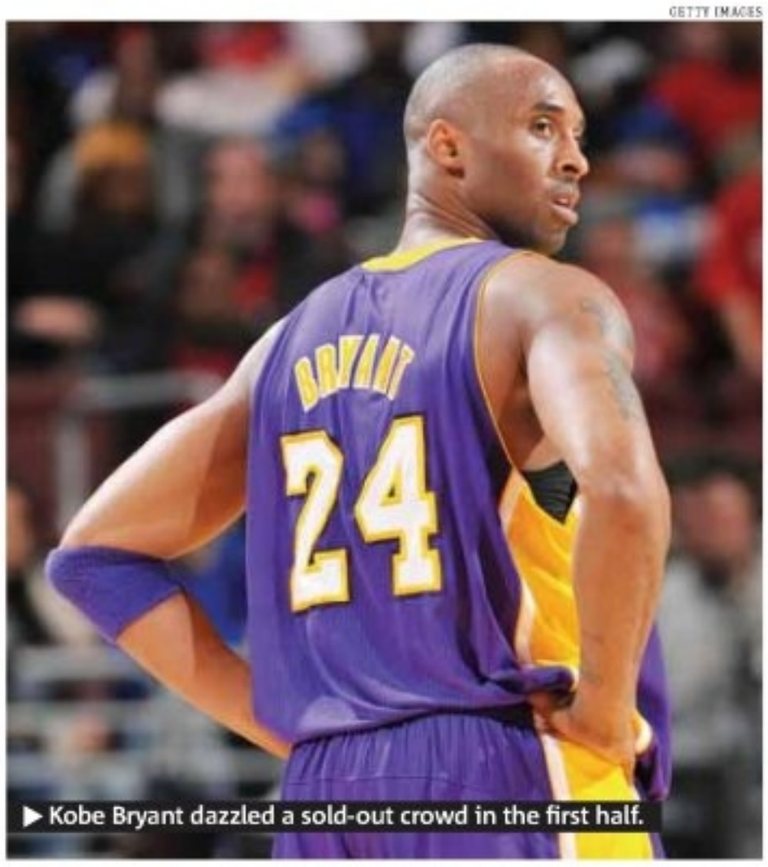

▶ Kobe Bryant dazzled a sold-out crowd in the first half.

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